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PETITION FOR AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM FOR BENEFIT UNDER 37
C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3)

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3), this petition for an unintentional delayed claim for benefit is being filed with the following:

A) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2), 1.78(a)(5), which is set forth in the Application Data Sheet and preliminary amendment filed concurrently with this petition;

B) a surcharge under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(t), which is set forth in the attached fee transmittal form; and

C) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2), 1.78(a)(5) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional, which is set forth below.

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The undersigned hereby states that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2), 1.78(a)(5) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and/or the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 249212013504. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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